

**2010**  
**Barrington Independence Day**  
**Essay Contest**



This year the Barrington area Independence Day parade will once again feature an essay contest for children ages 8 to 18.

In correlation with this year's parade theme, "Spirit of Caring", children are invited to write personal, reflective essays about what it means to live with a Spirit of Caring.

**Eligibility**

The essay contest is open to all Barrington area children ages 8 to 18. Essays must be 300 words or less.

**Winners**

3 winners will be selected.

One essay winner from entries ages 8 to 11.

One essay winner from entries ages 12 to 14.

One essay winner from entries ages 15 to 18.

Once again this year, winners and their families will be invited and encouraged to participate in the Barrington Independence Day parade as food drive donation float leaders. This year the parade will be held on July 3, 2010.

**Submissions**

Entries may be submitted:

- via our parade web site at [www.BarringtonParade.com](http://www.BarringtonParade.com)
- via fax (847) 770-4916
- via postal mail to:       Barrington Independence Day Essay Contest  
                                  P.O. Box 3335  
                                  Barrington, Illinois 60011

*Entries must include a completed entry form with the essay.*

**Need more information or another entry form?**

Visit our web site at [www.BarringtonParade.com](http://www.BarringtonParade.com)

**Entry Deadline:** May 1, 2010



# Barrington Independence Day Parade

## 2010 Essay Contest Entry Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: IL ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contest Rules

- 1) Essay topic is "A Spirit of Caring"
- 2) Essays must be 300 words in length or less, typed or legibly printed. Non-legible entries will be disqualified at the discretion of the parade committee. Only one entry is allowed per student.
- 3) There will be three (3) winners selected for the contest. One from each age category: ages 8 to 11, 12 to 14, and 15 to 18. The winner's essay will be published on the Barrington Parade web site and submitted to local newspapers. In addition, the winners and their families will be invited to participate in the Barrington Independence Day parade held on July 3, 2010.
- 4) Entrant must be a Barrington area resident from age 8 to 18 years old.
- 5) Judging will be based on creativity of ideas, clarity of content, and overall writing ability with respect to the topic. Judging is at the complete discretion of the Barrington Parade Committee and all judging decisions are final.
- 6) Essays become the property of the Barrington Parade Committee when submitted.
- 7) A signed entry form must accompany all contest entries. *There will be no exceptions.*
- 8) Essays may be submitted by mailing to: Barrington Independence Day Parade Essay Contest, P.O. Box 3335, Barrington, Illinois, 60011. Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2010.
- 11) Entries may be faxed to: (847) 770-4916 and must be received by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2010. Barrington Parade Committee is not responsible for incomplete or illegible fax transmissions.
- 12) Entries may be submitted online at the Barrington parade web site– [www.BarringtonParade.com](http://www.BarringtonParade.com).
- 13) Contest winners will be announced on May 15, 2010.

**By signing below, I state that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the contest rules, and that the attached essay is my own original writing work.**

Student Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Print Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_